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Grumman F-14 Tomcat arriving at Kentucky's  
Lexington-Blue Grass Airport. Photo taken by  
Jerry Landreth.

OUR  
MISSION  
STATEMENT:

The mission of the Kentucky Department of Aviation is to provide a safe and secure air transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.



# CAP in Kentucky

Written by Col. Henry Heaberlin, Wing Commander  
(Submitted by Capt. Russ Hensley, CAP)



Greetings Kentucky Aviators! The end of the fiscal year for Civil Air Patrol has just passed us and new months start 2006 for the Kentucky Wing. 2005 was an exciting year for our organization! I must point out that 2005 started on a high note with our Wing receiving the highest accolade possible from the United States Air Force in our evaluated Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX). This was the highest rating in the entire Great Lakes region for many, many years. 2005 included the introduction of a second Cessna 182T with the brand-new, state-of-the-art NAVIII G-1000 navigation/instrumentation equipment option. Kentucky was the sixth Wing in the United States to receive its shipment of the forty-three G-1000-equipped aircraft purchased by the Civil Air Patrol for national distribution. Three flight instructors were funded from CAP to travel to Wichita to seed new check-pilots. Additionally, the Air Force provided funds for those check-pilots to train pilots here in Kentucky. G-1000 training is completed in Louisville, proceeding to northern Kentucky now and will move to Lexington through the winter months. This past spring, the US

Air Force and the CAP approved the replacement and augmentation of all of the VHF-FM repeater system that is used for Civil Air Patrol support, making this a \$130,000+ investment in our fixed-point communications. Additionally, CAP received \$30,000 in Homeland Security funds from the State of Kentucky for portable and mobile communications upgrades, followed by another \$12,000 worth of equipment from CAP NHQ. Then, in September of last year in Bardstown, the Wing saw the first ever CAP-owned glider launch in the history of the 40-some years of the Wing. (This glider will be used for cadet orientation flights.)

Currently, over 400 adult members and 200 cadet members serve the Commonwealth of Kentucky through its Civil Air Patrol Wing. These members are supported by 11 aircraft and over 20 vehicles. These assets are spread throughout the CAP squadrons located in Lexington (2), Bardstown, Boone County, Bowling Green, Campbell County, Fort Campbell, Fort Knox, Fulton, Hazard, London, Louisville (3), Madisonville and Paducah.

The Civil Air Patrol provides

orientation flights for US Air Force Cadets at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. New this year is the "Fly A Teacher" program, sponsored by CAP NHQ with limited funding. The program is to promote aerospace awareness to teachers in elementary through high school grades.

The Kentucky CAP Wing is the second busiest flying wing nationally, flying, on-average, 249 flight hours per each of our 10 aircraft. The Delaware Wing was the busiest last year with 384 flight hours on their four aircraft. In 2005, the Kentucky Wing flew over 1,748 flight hours of Air Force or CAP National-assigned missions to support the Commonwealth's aviation interests. As the fiscal year continues, we only hope to exceed our goals.

If you interested in joining the Civil Air Patrol, please visit [www.kywgcap.org](http://www.kywgcap.org) or [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) for more information. Thank you and we hope to see you at one of our squadron meetings.



# New Aircraft calls AMK "home"!

Against a beautiful blue sky in early October, a lone Grumman F-14 Tomcat landed at Lexington-Blue Grass Airport for the first and very last time. This aircraft will become the newest addition to the already-impressive collection of aviation memorabilia at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky. Her last deployment was aboard the aircraft carrier

USS Harry S. Truman, with numerous missions flown in both the Afghanistan and Iraq military conflicts.

There are still a total of 20 F-14 Tomcat aircraft on active duty with the US Navy, all currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Upon their return to the US, they will be retired permanently, bringing closure to a long and illustrious career of keeping America safe against its ene-

mies.

Please come to the Aviation Museum of Kentucky and see a true American patriot. For more information, please call the Museum at 859-231-1219 or go to [www.aviationky.org](http://www.aviationky.org). Thank you.

(I would like to thank Jerry Landreth for supplying the information and pictures for this article.)



Photos: (Left to right, top to bottom) The arrival of the Grumman F-14 Tomcat, from the USS Harry S. Truman, and its crew.



## Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport (KOWB)

Established in 1948, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport is an independent public airport governed by a ten-member Board of Directors, composed entirely of private citizens. The airport serves a large portion of mid-western Kentucky as well as southern Indiana by providing residents of these regions access to the national air transportation system. This is through daily commercial airline service into and out of St. Louis, Missouri. As such, the airport is an integral and dynamic element in the welfare of the region. The Board pursues its objectives by employing a professional staff and by working closely with the traveling public, various levels of government, the airlines and a variety of other groups whose goals are to serve the best interests of the community at large. Let us quickly look at some other facts about the airport and the effect it has on its community: It has over 880 acres on which to grow and expand. The airport board represents both city and county interests. The airport has two runways, one of 6,500 feet in length and the other being 5,000 feet even. The airport has a manned air traffic control tower, more than twenty resident aircraft operators on the field and employees over 100 people on the airport itself. The airport dolls out more than \$2 million dollars in annual salaries, has more than 85,000 take-offs and landings and sells more than 1 million gallons of aviation fuel each year. (With the price of a gallon currently being around \$3.00, you can imagine the yearly revenue!) And, most recently, the airport has just completed an expansion valued at more than \$28 million dollars.

Owensboro was originally known as “Yellowbanks” when it was settled in 1797. This name came from the color of the soil along the banks of the Ohio River. By 1810, a general store had opened and by 1815, the population of the settlement had grown to over 100. In 1817, the Kentucky Legislature enacted a bill to incorporate “Yellowbanks” as “Owensborough”, later to be shortened to “Owensboro”.

Owensboro is the County Seat of Daviess County and lies on the southern banks of the Ohio River. The town is located 32 miles southeast of Evansville, Indiana, 123 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee and 109 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky. A long-awaited bridge (the William H. Natcher Bridge, opened in October of 2002) now provides a direct connection for Owensboro into southern Indiana and Interstate 64.

Owensboro and its surrounding area has grown steadily, while retaining the “small town quality” with warm-hearted and hospitable people. Owensboro ranks as Kentucky’s third largest city in terms of population and is the industrial and cultural capital of western Kentucky.

For more information about the town or its airport, please call Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport at 270-685-4179 or go to [www.owb.net](http://www.owb.net). (I would like to site the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport and the City of Owensboro’s websites as resources for writing this article.)





Picture taken by Sean Howard

## Blue Grass Airport unveils mural!

Below is a reprint of the new-retaining-wall-dedication-ceremony's program:

"The beauty of Central Kentucky comes to life with Blue Grass Airport's one-of-a-kind mural wall and landscape design. Constructed on a 30' x 200' retaining wall, a distinctive mural honors the unrivaled beauty of the Blue Grass region. The massive, yet elegant, artwork presents a scenic solution to softening the impact of the airport's runway safety area on historic properties, while providing an attractive gateway into the community.

Using a two-dimensional approach, the painted mural includes a compilation of features from many of Kentucky's horse farms and the regional area. Designers visited local sites and landmarks to develop a quintessential Kentucky im-

age that emphasizes the proud heritage of the Blue Grass. The image was designed by Lexington-based landscape design firm, The Landplan Group, and then hand-pointed by Eric Henn, one of the nation's most recognized muralists.

To compliment the depth of the artwork, the mural wall is enhanced by the inclusion of gently rolling hills, limestone walls, columns, ornamental-style fencing and perennials. This project is one component of a comprehensive four-phase runway safety area improvement project that began in October 2003 and will conclude in 2007.

The mural design and retaining wall was the result of the combined efforts of Tetra Tech, Inc., Central Rock, Inc., The Landplan Group

and Blue Grass Airport."



## Northern Kentucky International opens new runway!

October 6, 2005: It was a beautiful Thursday morning when the Kenton County Airport Board and the airlines serving the Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport "Unveiled Another Masterpiece" at the official opening of the airport's newest runway: 18R/36L. The reception was followed by a sit-down lunch and runway

activities. In attendance was none other than Aviation's Commissioner Paul Steely (below, on right).



Pictures of the runway dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting.

# Announcing this year's Aviation Conference!



September 13-15, 2006  
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lion worth of renovations!

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## Another Announcement!

2006 Aviation Photography Contest

Photos accepted: Starting July 1, 2006

Deadline for submissions: September 1, 2006

Notification of Winners: By September 30, 2006

Awards Ceremony to be held: October 8, 2006

(Dates subject to change. Log-on to <http://transportation.ky.gov/Aviation/> or call 502-564-4480 for updates. Thank you.)



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